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2 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

3 1. Field of the Invention

4 The present invention relates a keyboard cover, and more particularly to
5 a keyboard cover which can prevent a keyboard from being contaminated with
6 water, dust, bacteria or viruses.

7 2. Description of Related Art

8 Computers, cash registers, etc are generally provided with a keyboard as
9 an input device. However, because fingers of users will frequently contact with
10 keys on the keyboard, the characters printed on the keys of the keyboard will
11 fade after a term of time. Moreover, water, dust, dirt and bacteria on the fingers
12 will contaminate the keyboard, so the users of the keyboard may be infected with
13 various diseases.

14 Therefore, the invention provides a keyboard cover to mitigate or
15 obviate the aforementioned problems.

16 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

17 The main objective of the present invention is to provide a keyboard
18 cover which can prevent the keyboard from being contaminated by dirt or
19 bacteria.

20 Other objectives, advantages and novel features of the invention will
21 become more apparent from the following detailed description when taken in
22 conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

23 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

24 Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a keyboard cover in accordance with the

1 present invention;

2 Fig. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the keyboard cover of Fig. 1;

3 and

4 Fig. 3 is a schematic view of a keyboard of a notebook computer covered
5 with the keyboard cover of the invention.

6 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

7 With reference to Figs. 1-2, a keyboard cover in accordance with the
8 present invention has a rectangular transparent film (10) made of a soft material
9 and with a top side, a bottom side, two long sides and two short sides.

10 Two first reinforcing strips (11) are provided at the bottom side and
11 respectively at the two long sides of the film (10). Two second reinforcing strips
12 (12) are provided at the bottom side and respectively at the two short sides of the
13 film (10).

14 Two elastic strips (20) are respectively formed beneath the first
15 reinforcing strips (11) and parallel to the first reinforcing strips (11). Each of the
16 elastic strips (20) has two ends respectively bent upwards and inwards and
17 fastened at the corresponding corners of the film (10). Therefore, the elastic
18 strips (20) and the reinforcing strips (11) respectively constitute two loops (not
19 numbered).

20 In this embodiment, the elastic strips (20) have a thickness greater than
21 that of the first reinforcing strips (11), and the elastic strips (20) are combined
22 with the first reinforcing strips (11) by means of heat pressing.

23 In another embodiment, the elastic strips (20) and the first reinforcing
24 strips (11) can be replaced with two strip loops respectively formed at the long

1 sides and the bottom sides of the film (10).

2 With reference to Fig. 3, a keyboard (30) of a notebook computer can be
3 covered with the keyboard cover. A body of the notebook computer extends
4 through the elastic strips (20) and the film (10) can be spread over the keyboard
5 (30). Because the film (10) has a width and a length slightly greater than those of
6 the keyboard (30), the film (10) can completely shield the keyboard (30).

7 Therefore, a user's fingers will not directly touch the keyboard and so
8 the keyboard is prevented from being contaminated by dirt or bacteria on the
9 fingers. Moreover, the keyboard also will not be contaminated by water or dust.
10 Furthermore, wear of the contact faces of the keys is prevented because each face
11 is no longer in direct contact with the user's fingers. Thus, the covered keyboard
12 will have a long use life.

13 The keyboard cover made of soft material can be folded, so it is very
14 convenient to carry the keyboard cover.

15 It is to be understood, however, that even though numerous
16 characteristics and advantages of the present invention have been set forth in the
17 foregoing description, together with details of the structure and function of the
18 invention, the disclosure is illustrative only, and changes may be made in detail,
19 especially in matters of shape, size, and arrangement of parts within the
20 principles of the invention to the full extent indicated by the broad general
21 meaning of the terms in which the appended claims are expressed.